

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF, OR AMENDMENTS TO, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RE: Proposed Amended Rule 1156 – Further Reductions of Particulate Matter Emissions from Cement Manufacturing Facilities

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on the matter of adoption of rules and regulations for the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), or amendments thereto, will be held on Friday, September 4, 2015 in the Auditorium at SCAQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, at 9:00 a.m., or later, at which time evidence will be taken and all interested persons will be heard by the SCAQMD Board.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the SCAQMD is considering the amendment of Rule 1156 – Further Reductions of Particulate Matter Emissions from Cement Manufacturing Facilities and the air quality objective is to ensure hexavalent chromium (Cr^{+6}) emissions from cement manufacturing operations and the property after facility closure are minimized while streamlining Cr^{+6} monitoring.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed Rule 1156 amendments are intended to minimize potential air quality impacts from cement manufacturing facilities and the properties after facility closure, and to ensure long-term air quality and public health protection. The amendment proposes a revision to the fence-line Cr^{+6} ambient monitoring threshold to reflect updated risk assessment procedures by the California Office of Health Hazard Assessment; requirements for a compliance plan or Health Risk Assessment if levels exceed the Cr^{+6} limit; requirements for continued Cr^{+6} monitoring after facility closure during site clean-up or reclamation activities; and conditions for reducing the number of Cr^{+6} monitoring stations and conditions to sunset monitoring. Additional amendments are also proposed to improve rule clarity and effectiveness.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the SCAQMD staff has reviewed the proposed project pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15002 (k) – General Concepts, the three-step process for deciding which document to prepare for a project subject to the California Environmental Quality ACT (CEQA). SCAQMD staff has determined that the proposed amendments to Rule 1156 are a discretionary action by a public agency, which has potential for resulting in direct or indirect changes to the environment and, therefore, is considered a “project” as defined by CEQA. SCAQMD staff’s review of the proposed project shows that the proposed project would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15252 and 15126.6(f), no alternatives are proposed to avoid or reduce any significant effects because there are no significant adverse impacts, and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15126.4(a)(3), mitigation measures are not required for effects not found to be significant. SCAQMD has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment to address the potential adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed project which was released for a 30-day public review beginning on July 21 and ending on August 19, 2015.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendments would establish a lower fence-line Cr^{+6} ambient monitoring threshold and may result in socioeconomic impacts and, therefore, a socioeconomic analysis is required under Health and Safety Code Section 40728.5. Because

the amendments do not result in quantifiable emission reductions, an incremental cost-effectiveness analysis is not applicable.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amended rule revises the fence-line Cr^{+6} ambient monitoring threshold and establishes criteria for addressing post facility closure activities and conditions under which Cr^{+6} ambient monitoring may cease. Therefore, a comparative analysis pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 40727.2 is required.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the SCAQMD has prepared documents, for consideration by the SCAQMD Board, including:

- Proposed Amended Rule 1156 – Further Reductions of Particulate Matter Emissions from Cement Manufacturing Facilities
- Staff Report for Proposed Amendments to Rule 1156
- Environmental Assessment documentation for Proposed Amended Rule 1156 pursuant to the CEQA
- Socioeconomic analysis, included in the Staff Report
- A comparative analysis, pursuant to Health and Safety Code §40727.2, included in the staff report.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above documents as already prepared are available and may be obtained from the SCAQMD's Public Information Center located in the SCAQMD headquarters lobby, or the SCAQMD's publication request line at (909) 396-2039 or from Mr. Derrick Alatorre – Assistant Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, (909) 396-3122, dalatorre@aqmd.gov.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendments to Rule 1156 will not be submitted for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that at the conclusion of the public hearing, the SCAQMD Board may make other modifications to Proposed Amended Rule 1156, which are justified by the evidence presented, or may decline to amend it.

Questions, comments or requests for clarification regarding proposed amendments to Rule 1156 can be directed to Mr. Tracy Goss, Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, tgoss@aqmd.gov, or by calling (909) 396-3106. All CEQA inquiries can be directed to Mr. Jeff Inabinet, CEQA Section, Office of Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, jnabinet@aqmd.gov, or by calling (909) 396-2453. All inquiries regarding the Socioeconomic Assessment can be directed to Ms. Elaine Shen, Socioeconomic Section, Office of Planning, Rule Development and Area Sources, SCAQMD, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765, eshen@aqmd.gov, or by calling (909) 396-2715.

Interested persons may attend and submit oral or written statements at the Board Hearing. Twenty-five (25) copies of all written materials must be submitted to the Clerk of the Boards. Individuals who wish to submit written comments for review prior to the public hearing must submit such comments to the Clerk of the Boards, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA, 91765, or to cob@aqmd.gov, (909) 396-2500, on or before Tuesday, August 25, 2015. Electronic submittals will only be accepted if no more than 10 pages including attachments; and in MS Word, plain or HTML format.

DATED: July 29, 2015

DENISE GARZARO
Senior Deputy Clerk